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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the rural sanitation subsidy provided by the Union Government during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the details of States lagging behind in implementation of this programme;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to accelerate the programme;

(d) whether States have approached the Union Government to continue this subsidy;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) The State-wise releases made by the Central Government during the last three years and current financial year are at Annexure.

(b) As regards implementation of the programme, the States/UTs of Goa, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Punjab, Tripura, West Bengal, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Delhi, Lakshadweep and Chandigarh have not drawn any funds from the Central Government under Central Rural Sanitation Programme during the financial year 1999-2000. The non-drawal was due to non-completion of requisite formalities such as submission of Utilization Certificates, Audited Accounts etc.

(c) Government of India has restructured the Central Rural Sanitation Programme to concentrate intensively on a district basis. Accordingly, the Restructured Central Rural Sanitation Programme will gradually shift from the principle of `State-wise allocation` to a `demand-driven` approach in selected districts. The Programme would now focus on community led and people centered approach. Rural School Sanitation has been introduced as a major component and as an entry point encouraging wider acceptance of sanitation by rural masses.

(d)to(f) Requests have been received from some of the State Governments that the subsidy under the Restructured Programme for individual household latrine should be enhanced to the earlier level. Since Central Rural Sanitation Programme was restructured with effect from 1.4.1999 only, therefore, it is too early to review the existing guidelines.